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Appl. No. 09/838,382
Amendment dated December 18, 2003
Reply to Office action of June 18, 2003

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Application No.	:	09/838,382	Confirmation No.	9258
Applicant	:	Danforth <i>et al.</i>		
Filed	:	April 20, 2001		
Group Art Unit	:	1645		
Examiner	:	Jana A. Hines		
Docket No.	:	D.N. 0100.00		
Customer No.	:	25295		

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND AFTER FINAL AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action mailed June 18, 2003, thereby extending the period for response to December 18, 2003. Please charge deposit account 50-2134 the \$950.00 fee for said extension. Please charge any additional fees which may be required at any time during prosecution of the instant application to deposit account 50-2134.

In response to the Office Action dated June 18, 2003, please amend the above-identified application. It is believed that this amendment places the application in better condition for allowance and that therefore entry is appropriate. Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Specification begin on Page 3 of this paper.

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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on Page 8 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on Page 12 of this paper.